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MEMORANDUM FOR: OOO

SUBJECT: Summary for OOO meetings

REFERENCE: Termination of Project HUSKED

## 1. Brief History of Project HUSKED.

Project HUSKED, EE-10-1, a sub-project of HURLED, was authorized by ADPO on 14 June 1950. After extensive surveys of available vessels meeting cover requirements, the motor sailer "Hyma" was purchased in Gloucester, Massachusetts on 29 August 1950, for \$80,000.

The vessel was sailed to Baltimore for repairs and renovation. This work and installation of the communications equipment was completed, and the first trial run made on 10 December 1950. The "Hyma" left Pasadena, Maryland for St. Thomas, Virgin Islands where the vessel's name was changed to "Juanita", and the registry changed to Panamanian. The "Juanita" departed from the Barbados on 1 February 1951 and arrived in Patras, Greece on 25 March after calling at Sao Vicente, Las Palmas, and Gibraltar.

Because of technical difficulties, the reasons for which are outlined in paragraph two, the vessel was unable to broadcast effectively at sea. Consequently, on 9 August 1951, [ ] recommended the termination of the project and the subsequent sale of the vessel. After an extensive study of the situation in addition to conferences between all the officers concerned with the project, it was decided to concur in the recommendation. In the light of this decision, the problem is being brought to the attention of the OOO for their recommendations on procedure for the termination of the project and the sale of the vessel.

## 2. Reasons for Termination.

The reasons for the recommendation to terminate project HUSKED are technical.

The communications equipment has been proven inadequate due to:

- a. A higher "Noise Level" or incident of static electricity in the area than existed in tests here.
- b. The existence of many small, uncontrolled broadcasting stations monopolizing the broadcast band.

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It is understood

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It is understood that these obstacles could only have been overcome by the use of a substantially more powerful broadcasting set, one capable of "blasting through" the natural and man-made interference. Such a set would have been too large and heavy to install aboard the "Juanita".

The vessel was proven an inappropriate carrier for the broadcasting equipment. Although this consideration would not have precluded successful operations, it would have greatly increased the difficulty of broadcasting effectively.

### 3. Disposal

Action to dispose of the project's assets is now underway. The vessel has been unsuccessfully presented to other elements of OGC that were designated to us by [ ] as having possible interest in it. An agent of King Farouk has mentioned \$90,000 in preliminary discussions concerning purchase of the "Juanita". If this transaction does not materialize, plans to keep the vessel on the block in Greece have been made.

Captain Holmes has been appointed Owner's Representative by [ ], ostensible owner. The contract between [ ] and the [ ] has been terminated as of 1 October 1951. We have been advised that the problem of Panamanian registry is in hand.

The radio equipment has been removed from the vessel and we have been advised it can be used at land based stations in Greece.

The [ ] Jeep station wagon will probably have to be sold [ ] as its use by other elements of the OGC [ ] would present a security problem.

The personnel problem is being solved as follows:

- a. Captain will return to the United States.
- b. Senior OGC Representative has returned.
- c. Senior Commo Officer has returned.
- d. Two Commo Men were incorporated into [ ]
- e. Engineer has been offered to Commo as chief engineer at land based station. Final Commo decision not yet received.
- f. 2 Crew will return to the U.S. for termination.
- g. Shore Representative: Will be integrated into the [ ]

### 4. Summary

[ ] has been asked to decide whether or not

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they will have any further use for [ ]  
[ ] We have received no answer to this question to date.

[ ] in Baltimore, consisting of  
[ ] acting as President and [ ] accountant,  
may also be of value in future [ ]. It is recommended that  
if [ ] has no future use for this organization, it be  
turned over to OD/DT for possible use by other elements of CIA.

OM is being consulted on all aspects of the projects termination.

[ ]  
Chief, EE-1

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